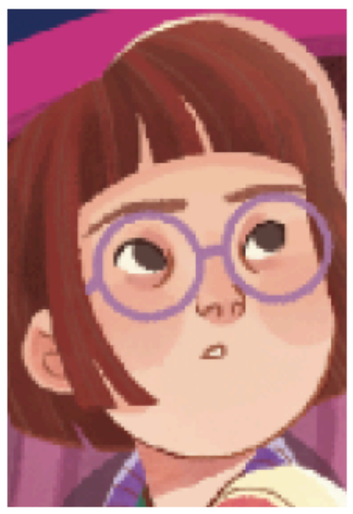
The Mizzy Mysteries by Claire Hatcher-Smith

Fun, family-history mysteries for 8+ readers, starring a neurodivergent heroine who smashes stereotypes, looks a little more closely at other people and NEVER UNDERESTIMATES ANYONE (including herself).



Mizzy has Down syndrome. She's smart and nosy and she can spot a mystery no one else has even noticed yet. Even though she's terrified of escalators, prone to crashing to conclusions, and constantly underestimated (especially by her older, cooler cousins), she's determined to show the world she's actually a very brilliant detective.

Late-diagnosed AuDHD, Claire is a speech and language therapist with a Masters in Special Education and 35+ years experience supporting pupils in a range of school settings.

SCHOOL VISIT OPTIONS

- Inclusive, empathy-themed assemblies for KS-2, inspired by The Mizzy Mysteries 1-3 (with Ask an Author Q&A).
- Inclusive, empathy-themed storytime assemblies for Reception and KS-1, inspired by Mizzy's and my current favourite picture books (with Ask an Author Q&A).
- KS 2 Creative Writing Workshops (whole class or tailored for groups of extending, reluctant or neurodivergent/SEND writers).
- KS2 Reading for Pleasure Workshops ((whole class or tailored for groups of extending, reluctant or neurodivergent/SEND readers).
- Free virtual follow-up on reading/writing workshops to sustain & extend impact.
- Free virtual follow-up when Mizzy is used as a class text/shared read.

"We love Mizzy, we love you and we love your message."
(Wheatfield Primary School, Bristol)

TARGETS

1. Empathy, inclusion and belonging.
2. Reading and writing for pleasure.
3. Self/other awareness around difference, neurodivergence and disability.
4. Self-esteem, confidence and a sense of possibility.
5. Creativity of all kinds.
6. Emotional regulation.

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FEES

In person:
Half day = £300
(1 assembly + 1 workshop, 2 assemblies or 2 workshops)
Full day = £500
(2 assemblies + 2 workshops)
Virtual:
£100 per 60 minute session